GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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AWARDS FOR GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fund sanctioned and released by the Union Government for the development of national and international games during each of last two years and thereafter till date, State-wise;

(b) the policy and programme of the Government for the promotion of sports and games in the country;

(c) whether the awards/honours at national level and international level are given equally;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to assist and encourage the national sportsmen in improving their standard upto international level?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) Government of India, in addition to providing assistance for construction of sports infrastructure, provides financial assistance to National Sports Federations for development of national and international games. There is no state-wise allocation of funds. The assistance given to National Sports Federations during last two years and till 18.1.2005 are as under :

Year	Amount
2002-03	3301.99 lakhs
2003-04	3076.00 lakhs
2004-05 (till 18.1.2005)	4074.36 lakhs

(b) Government of India has launched its new National Sports Policy, 2001. The main thrust in the policy has been given on the twin objectives of `Broad basing` of sports and `Achieving Excellence in Sports at the National and International levels`. Government of India through its various schemes, relating to talent scouting, training, foreign exposure, equipment and scientific support as well as infrastructure supports to promote Sports and Games in the country.

(c) Yes Sir. However, there is an additional scheme for giving awards to medal winners in international sports events.

(d) Both national and international level achievers are eligible for awards, such as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratana Award, Arjuna Award and Dhyanchand Award. However, under the scheme of Special Awards to winners in international sports events and their coaches, special awards are available only for winning medals in prestigious recognized international events.

(e) Government of India, in addition to providing sports infrastructure, is taking the following steps to encourage the sportspersons to improve the standards upto international level :-

(i) Finalization & Implementation of Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) for various sports disciplines in consultation with the concerned National Sports Federations, former international sportspersons and sports scientists experts.

(ii) Provision of equipment and scientific support to sportspersons.

(iii) Scholarship to talented sportspersons for nutritious diet, sports equipment as well as for sports research so as to encourage them to pursue sports as career.

(iv) Intensive coaching of the players by Indian and foreign coaches in coaching camps.

(v) Intensive training abroad to the teams.

(vi) Financial assistance to concerned federations for participation of sportspersons in international tournaments.

(vii) Assistance for purchase of equipment, scientific support and training and participation within the country and abroad under the `Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training` and the `National Sports Development Fund`.

(viii) With a view to broad basing of sports and scouting for talent at a young age, the Government is assisting Army under `Army Boys Sports Company Scheme` (ABSC). In addition to eight existing ABSCs, ten more ABSCs have been sanctioned during the current year. Similarly, 25 Navodaya Vidyalayas have been approved for adoption under the National Talent Search Contest (NTSC) scheme.